



# MINUTES

## OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Special Workshop Meeting with the Planning Commission

#### October 1, 2019

#### MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, Chair Pro Tem, District I

Mr. Paul Cain, Vice Chair, District III

Mr. Julian Davis III, Chairman, District IV

Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

Oconee County Council and Oconee County Planning Commission held a workshop at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

**Planning Commission Members Present:** Mike Johnson; Andrew Gramling; Mike Smith; Stacy Lyles; Alex Vassey; & Frankie Pearson. Planning Commission staff liaison Adam Chapman, Planning Director was also present.

**Press:** Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [[www.oconeesc.com/council](http://www.oconeesc.com/council)]. In addition, it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Caitlin Herrington / Daily Journal & Jimmy Watt / WGOG.

#### **Call to Order**

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Davis opened the discussion noting this was a joint meeting with the Oconee County Planning Commission & the Oconee County Council and turned the meeting over to Mr. Adam Chapman, Planning Director.

Mr. Chapman addressed Council and the Planning Commission utilizing a handout [copy filed with backup materials] with a lengthy discussion followed with various opinions expressed to include but not limited to:

- Council allotted funds to be spent for the 123 Corridor Plan with the focus on traffic and safety
- Received plan from Alta Planning & Design
- Policy recommendations A, B, & E
- SC Department of Transportation [SCDOT]
- Plan for the future

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- Safety is a concern
- Deceleration lanes
- Developer must pay for the deceleration lane
- Budget through the Roads & Bridges Department as far as requesting that the County could fund through a state program; US 123 is not a County road and ineligible for C-Funds or local funding at that level
- Request funding to utilize for safety
- Not a limit on what the County can investigate but there is a limit on what the County may want to spend on private development
- Planning Commission is looking for direction from County Council
- Daily traffic count
- Personal property rights
- Within SCDOT right of way would need approval
- Direction from Council is needed
- Planning Commission deliverables related to the Highway 123 Corridor policy recommendations [copy filed with backup materials]
- Rubric

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 5 – 0, to direct the Planning Commission to work on Policy Recommendations A, B, & E with the SCDOT and staff and bring back to Council.

Mr. Davis wrapped up the meeting thanking the Planning Commission and staff for helping with this process.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Cain made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Katie D. Smith  
Clerk to Council